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CARMAN, MB – June 16, 2009 – Five local and two national organizations will be able to serve our communities better because of the generosity of one man. William Edward Robertson, known to everyone as “Wally” has bequeathed a total of \$400,000 to seven community services:

- Canadian Cancer Society
- Carman Area Foundation for the benefit of the Boyne Lodge
- Carman Area Foundation for the benefit of the Carman Memorial Hospital
- Graysville United Church
- Canadian Red Cross Society
- Town of Carman for the benefit of the Carman Medical Clinic
- Carman Handi-Van

A lifelong bachelor, Wally farmed the Robertson family farm south of the Community of Graysville until his retirement to Carman in 1990. Wally’s interests were many and varied, and he worked diligently throughout his lifetime to support a number of community organizations in Graysville and Carman.

“We were honoured to receive this bequest on behalf of the Boyne Lodge and the Carman Memorial Hospital,” stated John Carley, Chair of the Carman Area Foundation. “In accordance with our mandate, this bequest has been added to our endowment fund, and the annual proceeds will be specifically directed to projects for the Lodge and the Hospital. Wally’s interest in these two community facilities will be well served for many years to come.”

“Wally recognized the importance of the Handi-Van service to seniors and physically challenged people in our community,” said Don Jefkins, Chair of the Carman Handi-Van Committee. “He knew that we are constantly struggling to cover the costs of this service and keep it affordable for those who need it. Wally’s bequest is of tremendous help to us.”

Now Wally’s belief in supporting his community, which he demonstrated for so many years when he was alive, will carry on through the legacy of these bequests. His community spirit and generosity will long be remembered.

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